ment, is taken against those found to be inefficient and/or corrupt under the provisions of various rules. During 1985, the cases of 462 officials have so far been reviewed under FR 56(J) out of which the following six officials have been pre-maturely retired :—

(1) Shri H. G. Alagh, Superintending Engineer, CCW, All India Radio, New Delhi.

(2) Shri J. N. Gupta, FAR and CAO, DAVP, New Delhi.

(3) Shri V. N. Amalrap. Asstt. Distribution Officer, DAVP, Madras.

(4) Shri P. D. Achari, Administrative Officer, All India Radio, Panaji.

(5) Shri R. N. Prasad, Administrative Officer, All India Radio,

(6) Shri B. C. Mohanty, Administrative Officer, DFP, Raipur.

2. The number of officials against whom action can be taken in future depends on the result of the review of their conduct and performance.

Dangerous pesticides

@@*179. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain pesticides are injurious to health;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a demand to put a ban on certain pesticides;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Committee of Members of Parliament was appointed to look into this matter and report to Government; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to ban such pesticides which are injurious to health?

@@Previously Starred Question 119, transferred from the 25th November, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, if not used judiciously as per the recommended dosages and guidelines/ instructions.

(b) Such a demand has been put forth in some of press reports, articles etc, which have come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The Ministry is not aware of any Committee of The Parliament set up to go into the matter.

(d) The Ministry of Agriculture has constituted a high level Expert Committee to review the use of pesticides which have been banned or restricted in other countries. Action to ban any pesticides will be taken after considering the report of the said Committee, when received, and after taking into account all relavant factors.

Water resources available in the country

*180. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total water resources available in the country in the form of underground water and water from the monsoon;

(b) what is the plan to utilise water resources in agriculture and for drinking purposes during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any survey regarding underground water storage in this country has been conducted; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the utilisation plan of the same?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) About 60 million hectare metres from the presently estimated replenishable resources of groun water and 400 million hecctare meter from precipitation annually.